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## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

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For

METHOD FOR INHIBITING THROMBOSIS IN A

PATIENT WHOSE BLOOD IS SUBJECTED TO

EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCULATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the following amendments be made in the above identified application:

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please add the following new claims 38-57:

--38.

(New) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises an effective amount of a/Factor IXa or a Factor IX compound and a pharma/ceutically acceptable carrier; wherein the Factor / IXa compound is a chemically modified form or a /recombinant mutein of Factor IXa compound; and wherein the Factor IX compound is a recombinant mutein of Factor IX compound. --